Demand and availability of natural gas

2260. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand of Natural Gas, for daily use and what is the availability of Natural Gas;

(b) whether the Demand-Supply gap of Natural Gas can be bridged; if so, by when;

(c) whether the ceramic and fire brick Industrial Belt of Saurashtra, Surendranagar-Than-Wankaner Dhuva and Morki are to be provided Natural Gas, next year, and

(d) the estimated demand of Maharashtra and Gujarat, the most industrially developed States, for Natural Gas and how much was the actual availability as on 31st October, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) As against the current gas allcoations of over 119 Million Standard Cubic Meters Per day (MMSCMD), presently the gas supply is around 67 MMSCMD only. Further, as per the Report 'India Hydrocarbon-Vision 2025', the demand of natural gas would go upto 231 MMSCMD in 2006-07 and upto 313 MMSCMD in 2011-12.

With a view to increase gas availability to bridge the existing demand supply gap, following initiatives have been taken by the Government:

(i) Increase in domestic gas production through NELP rounds.

(ii) Import of natural gas in the form of L.N.G.

(iii) Import of natural gas through pipelines.

Under New Exploration Licencing Policy, Reliance-NIKO Consortium have made singnificant discover in KG Basin. Some other discoveries in West Coast Offshore and Onshore in Gujarat and Rajasthan have also been reported. Country's first LNG terminal at Dahej is mechanically

complete and commercial production will start from April, 2004. Shell's Hazira LNG terminal may also be completed by the end of 2004. Government are also pursuing import of natural gas through transnational pipelines from Bangladesh, Myanmar and Iran.

(c) The supply to ceramic and fire brick industrial belt of Saurashtra-Surendranagar-Than-Wankaner Dhuva and Morki would depend on additional availability of natural gas within the region.

(d)The gas allocation and supply in Maharashtra & Gujarat as on 31.10.2003 is as under:

State	Allocation	Supply
Maharashtra	16.6	9.3
Gujarat	24.5	13.78

Excess production of Kerosene

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SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the production of kerosene oil in the country has been more than the requirements during the recent years;

(b) if not, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that permission for the import of kerosene oil in the public sector has been granted by Goverment recently; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Against the domestic production of 10.2 MMT of kerosene, 10.4 MMT of kerosene was consumed during 2002-03.

(c) and (d) The public sector oil marketing companies have been allowed to import kerosene since a long time.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi